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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed.

Japanese document No. 2002-257732 and U.S. Patent No. 4,447,546 are discussed in the specification at pages 2 and 3. Applicant submits that the documents are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database an English language abstract for the Japanese language document, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The cited international application is in the same patent family as the Japanese application.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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